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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Section 18. Economic development in Europe

1. At its 19th meeting, on 22 June 2001, the Committee considered section 18, Economic development in Europe, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme of work proposed in this section. It was considered that the programme of work was in line with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1). Appreciation was expressed for the reforms carried out by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) in recent years and for the reduction in the number of publications.

4. The work carried out by the Commission in favour of the countries with economies in transition was noted with appreciation. In this context, it was emphasized that some of the main elements of the strategy of ECE should be the further strengthening of the national capacity of the countries with economies in

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transition and outreach towards the business and non-governmental organizations communities in these countries.

Conclusion and recommendation

5. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 18, Economic development in Europe, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.